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To reauthorize the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act, and for other purposes.

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A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES IN ACT.
- 4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
- 5 "Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Reauthoriza-
- 6 tion Act" or the "SOAR Reauthorization Act".
- 7 (b) References in Act.—Except as otherwise ex-
- 8 pressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment is

- 1 expressed in terms of an amendment to or repeal of a sec-
- 2 tion or other provision, the reference shall be considered
- 3 to be made to that section or other provision of the Schol-
- 4 arships for Opportunity and Results Act (division C of
- 5 Public Law 112–10; sec. 38–1853.01 et seq., D.C. Official
- 6 Code).
- 7 SEC. 2. REPEAL.
- 8 Section 817 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act,
- 9 2016 (Public Law 114–113) is repealed, and any provision
- 10 of law amended or repealed by such section is restored
- 11 or revived as if such section had not been enacted into
- 12 law.
- 13 SEC. 3. PURPOSES.
- 14 Section 3003 (sec. 38–1853.03, D.C. Official Code)
- 15 is amended by striking "particularly parents" and all that
- 16 follows through ", with" and inserting "particularly par-
- 17 ents of students who attend an elementary school or sec-
- 18 ondary school identified as one of the lowest-performing
- 19 schools under the District of Columbia's accountability
- 20 system, with".
- 21 SEC. 4. PROHIBITING IMPOSITION OF LIMITS ON TYPES OF
- 22 ELIGIBLE STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE
- PROGRAM.
- 24 Section 3004(a) (sec. 38–1853.04(a), D.C. Official
- 25 Code) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1	"(3) Prohibiting imposition of limits on
2	ELIGIBLE STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE PRO-
3	GRAM.—
4	"(A) In General.—In carrying out the
5	program under this division, the Secretary may
6	not limit the number of eligible students receiv-
7	ing scholarships under section 3007(a), and
8	may not prevent otherwise eligible students
9	from participating in the program under this
10	division, based on any of the following:
11	"(i) The type of school the student
12	previously attended.
13	"(ii) Whether or not the student pre-
14	viously received a scholarship or partici-
15	pated in the program, including whether
16	an eligible student was awarded a scholar-
17	ship in any previous year but has not used
18	the scholarship, regardless of the number
19	of years of nonuse.
20	"(iii) Whether or not the student was
21	a member of the control group used by the
22	Institute of Education Sciences to carry
23	out previous evaluations of the program
24	under section 3009.

1	"(B) Rule of Construction.—Nothing
2	in subparagraph (A) may be construed to waive
3	the requirement under section $3005(b)(1)(B)$
4	that the eligible entity carrying out the program
5	under this Act must carry out a random selec-
6	tion process, which gives weight to the priorities
7	described in section 3006, if more eligible stu-
8	dents seek admission in the program than the
9	program can accommodate.".
10	SEC. 5. REQUIRING ELIGIBLE ENTITIES TO UTILIZE INTER-
11	NAL FISCAL AND QUALITY CONTROLS.
12	Section $3005(b)(1)$ (sec. $38-1853.05(b)(1)$, D.C. Of-
13	ficial Code) is amended—
14	(1) in subparagraph (I), by striking ", except
15	that a participating school may not be required to
16	submit to more than 1 site visit per school year";
17	(2) by redesignating subparagraphs (K) and
18	(L) as subparagraphs (L) and (M), respectively;
19	(3) by inserting after subparagraph (J) the fol-
20	lowing:
21	"(K) how the entity will ensure the finan-
22	cial viability of participating schools in which
23	85 percent or more of the total number of stu-
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1	igible students that receive and use an oppor-
2	tunity scholarship;";
3	(4) in subparagraph (L), as redesignated by
4	paragraph (2), by striking "and" at the end; and
5	(5) by adding at the end the following:
6	"(N) how the eligible entity will ensure
7	that it—
8	"(i) utilizes internal fiscal and quality
9	controls; and
10	"(ii) complies with applicable financial
11	reporting requirements and the require-
12	ments of this division; and".
13	SEC. 6. CLARIFICATION OF PRIORITIES FOR AWARDING
13 14	SEC. 6. CLARIFICATION OF PRIORITIES FOR AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS TO ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.
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1	(4) in subparagraph (B), as redesignated by
2	paragraph (3), by striking the semicolon at the end
3	and inserting "or whether such students have, in the
4	past, attended a private school;".
5	SEC. 7. MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICI-
6	PATING SCHOOLS AND ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.
7	(a) Criminal Background Checks; Compliance
8	WITH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Section 3007(a)(4)
9	(sec. 38–1853.07(a)(4), D.C. Official Code) is amended—
10	(1) in subparagraph (E), by striking "and" at
11	the end;
12	(2) by striking subparagraph (F) and inserting
13	the following:
14	"(F) ensures that, with respect to core
15	subject matter, participating students are
16	taught by a teacher who has a baccalaureate
17	degree or equivalent degree, whether such de-
18	gree was awarded in or outside of the United
19	States;"; and
20	(3) by adding at the end the following:
21	"(G) conducts criminal background checks
22	on school employees who have direct and unsu-
23	pervised interaction with students; and

1	"(H) complies with all requests for data
2	and information regarding the reporting re-
3	quirements described in section 3010.".
4	(b) Accreditation.—Section 3007(a) (sec. 38–
5	1853.07(a), D.C. Official Code), as amended by subsection
6	(a), is further amended—
7	(1) in paragraph (1), by striking "paragraphs
8	(2) and (3)" and inserting "paragraphs (2), (3), and
9	(5)"; and
10	(2) by adding at the end the following:
11	"(5) Accreditation requirements.—
12	"(A) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds
13	provided under this division for opportunity
14	scholarships may be used by a participating eli-
15	gible student to enroll in a participating private
16	school unless the school—
17	"(i) in the case of a school that is a
18	participating school as of the date of en-
19	actment of the SOAR Reauthorization
20	Act—
21	"(I) is fully accredited by an ac-
22	crediting body described in any of
23	subparagraphs (A) through (G) of
24	section 2202(16) of the District of
25	Columbia School Reform Act of 1995

1	(Public Law 104–134; sec. 38–
2	1802.02(16)(A)–(G), D.C. Official
3	Code); or
4	"(II) if such participating school
5	does not meet the requirements of
6	subclause (I)—
7	"(aa) not later than 1 year
8	after the date of enactment of
9	the Consolidated Appropriations
10	Act, 2016 (Public Law 114–
11	113), the school is pursuing full
12	accreditation by an accrediting
13	body described in subclause (I);
14	and
15	"(bb) is fully accredited by
16	such an accrediting body not
17	later than 5 years after the date
18	on which that school began the
19	process of pursuing full accredi-
20	tation in accordance with item
21	(aa); and
22	"(ii) in the case of a school that is not
23	a participating school as of the date of en-
24	actment of the SOAR Reauthorization Act,
25	is fully accredited by an accrediting body

1	described in clause (i)(I) before becoming a
2	participating school under this division.
3	"(B) Reports to eligible entity.—Not
4	later than 5 years after the date of enactment
5	of the SOAR Reauthorization Act, each partici-
6	pating school shall submit to the eligible entity
7	a certification that the school has been fully ac-
8	credited in accordance with subparagraph (A).
9	"(C) Assisting students in enrolling
10	IN OTHER SCHOOLS.—If a participating school
11	fails to meet the requirements of this para-
12	graph, the eligible entity shall assist the parents
13	of the participating eligible students who attend
14	the school in identifying, applying to, and en-
15	rolling in another participating school under
16	this division.
17	"(6) Treatment of students awarded a
18	SCHOLARSHIP IN A PREVIOUS YEAR.—An eligible en-
19	tity shall treat a participating eligible student who
20	was awarded an opportunity scholarship in any pre-
21	vious year and who has not used the scholarship as
22	a renewal student and not as a new applicant, with-
23	out regard as to—
24	"(A) whether the eligible student has used
25	the scholarship; and

1	"(B) the year in which the scholarship was
2	previously awarded.".
3	(c) Use of Funds for Administrative Expenses
4	AND PARENTAL ASSISTANCE.—
5	(1) In General.—Section 3007 (sec. 38–
6	1853.07, D.C. Official Code) is amended—
7	(A) by striking subsections (b) and (c) and
8	inserting the following:
9	"(b) Administrative Expenses and Parental
10	Assistance.—The Secretary shall make \$2,000,000 of
11	the amount made available under section 3014(a)(1) for
12	each fiscal year available to eligible entities receiving a
13	grant under section 3004(a) to cover the following ex-
14	penses:
15	"(1) The administrative expenses of carrying
16	out its program under this division during the year,
17	including—
18	"(A) determining the eligibility of students
19	to participate;
20	"(B) selecting the eligible students to re-
21	ceive scholarships;
22	"(C) determining the amount of the schol-
23	arships and issuing the scholarships to eligible
24	students;

1	"(D) compiling and maintaining financial
2	and programmatic records;
3	"(E) conducting site visits as described in
4	section $3005(b)(1)(I)$; and
5	"(F)(i) conducting a study, including a
6	survey of participating parents, on any barriers
7	for participating eligible students in gaining ad-
8	mission to, or attending, the participating
9	school that is their first choice; and
10	"(ii) not later than the end of the first full
11	fiscal year after the date of enactment of the
12	SOAR Reauthorization Act, submitting a report
13	to Congress that contains the results of such
14	study.
15	"(2) The expenses of educating parents about
16	the eligible entity's program under this division, and
17	assisting parents through the application process
18	under this division, including—
19	"(A) providing information about the pro-
20	gram and the participating schools to parents
21	of eligible students, including information on
22	supplemental financial aid that may be available
23	at participating schools;
24	"(B) providing funds to assist parents of
25	students in meeting expenses that might other-

I	wise preclude the participation of eligible stu-
2	dents in the program; and
3	"(C) streamlining the application process
4	for parents.";
5	(B) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
6	section (e); and
7	(C) by redesignating subsection (e), as
8	added by section 162(b) of the Continuing Ap-
9	propriations Act, 2017 (division C of Public
10	Law 114–223, as amended by section 101(3) of
11	the Further Continuing and Security Assistance
12	Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 114-
13	254)), as subsection (d).
14	(2) Conforming amendment.—Section
15	3007(d) (sec. 38–1853.07(d), D.C. Official Code), as
16	redesignated by paragraph (1)(C), is amended by
17	striking "subsections (b), (c), and (d)" each place it
18	appears in paragraphs (2)(B) and (3) and inserting
19	"subsections (b) and (c)".
20	(d) Clarification of Use of Funds for Stu-
21	DENT ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE—Section 3007(c) (sec.
22	38–1853.07(c), D.C. Official Code), as redesignated by
23	subsection (c)(1)(B), is amended by striking "previously
24	attended" and all that follows through the period at the
25	end and inserting "previously attended an elementary

1	school or secondary school identified as one of the lowest-
2	performing schools under the District of Columbia's ac-
3	countability system.".
4	SEC. 8. PROGRAM EVALUATION.
5	(a) REVISION OF EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND
6	REQUIREMENTS.—
7	(1) In General.—Section 3009(a) (sec. 38–
8	1853.09(a), D.C. Official Code) is amended to read
9	as follows:
10	"(a) In General.—
11	"(1) Duties of the secretary and the
12	MAYOR.—The Secretary and the Mayor of the Dis-
13	trict of Columbia shall—
14	"(A) jointly enter into an agreement with
15	the Institute of Education Sciences of the De-
16	partment of Education to evaluate annually the
17	opportunity scholarship program under this di-
18	vision;
19	"(B) jointly enter into an agreement to
20	monitor and evaluate the use of funds author-
21	ized and appropriated for the District of Co-
22	lumbia public schools and the District of Co-
23	lumbia public charter schools under this divi-
24	sion; and

1	"(C) make the evaluations described in
2	subparagraphs (A) and (B) public in accord-
3	ance with subsection (c).
4	"(2) Duties of the secretary.—The Sec-
5	retary, through a grant, contract, or cooperative
6	agreement, shall—
7	"(A) ensure that the evaluation under
8	paragraph (1)(A)—
9	"(i) is conducted using an acceptable
10	quasi-experimental research design for de-
11	termining the effectiveness of the oppor-
12	tunity scholarship program under this divi-
13	sion that does not use a control study
14	group consisting of students who applied
15	for but did not receive opportunity scholar-
16	ships; and
17	"(ii) addresses the issues described in
18	paragraph (4); and
19	"(B) disseminate information on the im-
20	pact of the program—
21	"(i) on academic achievement and
22	educational attainment of participating eli-
23	gible students who use an opportunity
24	scholarship; and

1	"(ii) on students and schools in the
2	District of Columbia.
3	"(3) Duties of the institute on edu-
4	CATION SCIENCES.—The Institute of Education
5	Sciences of the Department of Education shall—
6	"(A) assess participating eligible students
7	who use an opportunity scholarship in each of
8	grades 3 through 8, as well as one of the grades
9	at the high school level, by supervising the ad-
10	ministration of the same reading and mathe-
11	matics assessment used by the District of Co-
12	lumbia public schools to comply with section
13	1111(b) of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
14	cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(b));
15	"(B) measure the academic achievement of
16	all participating eligible students who use an
17	opportunity scholarship in the grades described
18	in subparagraph (A); and
19	"(C) work with eligible entities receiving a
20	grant under this division to ensure that the par-
21	ents of each student who is a participating eli-
22	gible student that uses an opportunity scholar-
23	ship agrees to permit their child to participate
24	in the evaluations and assessments carried out

1	by the Institute of Education Sciences under
2	this subsection.
3	"(4) Issues to be evaluated.—The issues to
4	be evaluated under paragraph (1)(A) shall include
5	the following:
6	"(A) A comparison of the academic
7	achievement of participating eligible students
8	who use an opportunity scholarship on the
9	measurements described in paragraph (3)(B) to
10	the academic achievement of a comparison
11	group of students with similar backgrounds in
12	the District of Columbia public schools and the
13	District of Columbia public charter schools.
14	"(B) The success of the program under
15	this division in expanding choice options for
16	parents of participating eligible students and
17	increasing the satisfaction of such parents and
18	students with their choice.
19	"(C) The reasons parents of participating
20	eligible students choose for their children to
21	participate in the program, including important
22	characteristics for selecting schools.
23	"(D) A comparison of the retention rates,
24	high school graduation rates, college enrollment
25	rates, college persistence rates, and college

1	graduation rates of participating eligible stu-
2	dents who use an opportunity scholarship with
3	the rates of students in the comparison group
4	described in subparagraph (A).
5	"(E) A comparison of the college enroll-
6	ment rates, college persistence rates, and col-
7	lege graduation rates of students who partici-
8	pated in the program in 2004, 2005, 2011,
9	2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 as the result of
10	winning the Opportunity Scholarship Program
11	lottery with such enrollment, persistence, and
12	graduation rates for students who entered but
13	did not win such lottery in those years and who,
14	as a result, served as the control group for pre-
15	vious evaluations of the program under this di-
16	vision. Nothing in this subparagraph may be
17	construed to waive section 3004(a)(3)(A)(iii)
18	with respect to any such student.
19	"(F) A comparison of the safety of the
20	schools attended by participating eligible stu-
21	dents who use an opportunity scholarship and
22	the schools in the District of Columbia attended
23	by students in the comparison group described
24	in subparagraph (A), based on the perceptions
25	of the students and parents.

1	"(G) An assessment of student academic
2	achievement at participating schools in which
3	85 percent of the total number of students en-
4	rolled at the school are participating eligible
5	students who receive and use an opportunity
6	scholarship.
7	"(H) Such other issues with respect to
8	participating eligible students who use an op-
9	portunity scholarship as the Secretary considers
10	appropriate for inclusion in the evaluation, such
11	as the impact of the program on public elemen-
12	tary schools and secondary schools in the Dis-
13	trict of Columbia.
14	"(5) Prohibiting disclosure of Personal
15	INFORMATION.—
16	"(A) In general.—Any disclosure of per-
17	sonally identifiable information obtained under
18	this division shall be in compliance with section
19	444 of the General Education Provisions Act
20	(commonly known as the 'Family Educational
21	Rights and Privacy Act of 1974') (20 U.S.C.
22	1232g).
23	"(B) STUDENTS NOT ATTENDING PUBLIC
24	SCHOOL.—With respect to any student who is
25	not attending a public elementary school or sec-

1	ondary school, personally identifiable informa-
2	tion obtained under this division shall only be
3	disclosed to—
4	"(i) individuals carrying out the eval-
5	uation described in paragraph (1)(A) for
6	such student;
7	"(ii) the group of individuals pro-
8	viding information for carrying out the
9	evaluation of such student; and
10	"(iii) the parents of such student.".
11	(2) Transition of evaluation.—
12	(A) TERMINATION OF PREVIOUS EVALUA-
13	TIONS.—The Secretary of Education shall—
14	(i) terminate the evaluations con-
15	ducted under section 3009(a) of the Schol-
16	arships for Opportunity and Results Act
17	(sec. 38–1853.09(a), D.C. Official Code),
18	as in effect on the day before the date of
19	enactment of this Act, after obtaining data
20	for the 2017-2018 school year; and
21	(ii) submit any reports required for
22	the 2017-2018 school year or preceding
23	years with respect to the evaluations in ac-
24	cordance with section 3009(b) of such Act.
25	(B) New evaluations.—

1 (i) In general.—Effective beginning	1
2 with respect to the 2018-2019 school year,	2
the Secretary shall conduct new evalua-	3
4 tions in accordance with the provisions of	4
section 3009(a) of the Scholarships for Op-	5
6 portunity and Results Act (sec. 38–	6
7 1853.09(a), D.C. Official Code), as amend-	7
8 ed by this Act.	8
9 (ii) Most recent evaluation.—As	9
a component of the new evaluations de-	10
1 scribed in clause (i), the Secretary shall	11
continue to monitor and evaluate the stu-	12
dents who were evaluated in the most re-	13
4 cent evaluation under such section prior to	14
5 the date of enactment of this Act, includ-	15
6 ing by monitoring and evaluating the test	16
scores and other information of such stu-	17
8 dents.	18
9 (b) Duty of Mayor to Ensure Institute Has	19
0 ALL Information Necessary to Carry Out Evalua-	20
1 TIONS.—Section 3011(a)(1) (sec. 38–1853.11(a)(1), D.C.	21
2 Official Code) is amended to read as follows:	22
3 "(1) Information necessary to carry out	23
4 EVALUATIONS.—Ensure that all District of Colum-	24
5 bia public schools and District of Columbia public	25

1	charter schools make available to the Institute of
2	Education Sciences of the Department of Education
3	all of the information the Institute requires to carry
4	out the assessments and perform the evaluations re-
5	quired under section 3009(a).".
6	SEC. 9. FUNDING FOR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC
7	SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.
8	(a) Mandatory Withholding of Funds for
9	Failure to Comply With Conditions.—Section
10	3011(b) (sec. 38–1853.11(b), D.C. Official Code) is
11	amended to read as follows:
12	"(b) Enforcement.—If, after reasonable notice and
13	an opportunity for a hearing, the Secretary determines
14	that the Mayor has failed to comply with any of the re-
15	quirements of subsection (a), the Secretary may withhold
16	from the Mayor, in whole or in part—
17	"(1) the funds otherwise authorized to be ap-
18	propriated under section 3014(a)(2), if the failure to
19	comply relates to the District of Columbia public
20	schools;
21	"(2) the funds otherwise authorized to be ap-
22	propriated under section 3014(a)(3), if the failure to
23	comply relates to the District of Columbia public
24	charter schools; or

1	"(3) the funds otherwise authorized to be ap-
2	propriated under both paragraphs (2) and (3) of
3	section 3014(a), if the failure relates to both the
4	District of Columbia public schools and the District
5	of Columbia public charter schools.".
6	(b) Rules for Use of Funds Provided for Sup-
7	PORT OF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.—Section 3011
8	(sec. 38–1853.11, D.C. Official Code) is amended—
9	(1) by redesignating subsections (b) and (c) as
10	subsections (c) and (d), respectively; and
11	(2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
12	lowing new subsection:
13	"(b) Specific Rules Regarding Funds Provided
14	FOR SUPPORT OF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.—The fol-
15	lowing rules shall apply with respect to the funds provided
16	under this division for the support of District of Columbia
17	public charter schools:
18	"(1) The Secretary may direct the funds pro-
19	vided for any fiscal year, or any portion thereof, to
20	the Office of the State Superintendent of Education
21	of the District of Columbia.
22	"(2) The Office of the State Superintendent of
23	Education of the District of Columbia may transfer
24	the funds to subgrantees that are—

1	"(A) specific District of Columbia public
2	charter schools or networks of such schools; or
3	"(B) District of Columbia-based nonprofit
4	organizations with experience in successfully
5	providing support or assistance to District of
6	Columbia public charter schools or networks of
7	such schools.
8	"(3) The funds provided under this division for
9	the support of District of Columbia public charter
10	schools shall be available to any District of Columbia
11	public charter school in good standing with the Dis-
12	trict of Columbia Charter School Board, and the Of-
13	fice of the State Superintendent of Education of the
14	District of Columbia and the District of Columbia
15	Charter School Board may not restrict the avail-
16	ability of such funds to certain types of schools on
17	the basis of the school's location, governing body, or
18	the school's facilities.".
19	SEC. 10. REVISION OF CURRENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDER-
20	STANDING.
21	Not later than the beginning of the 2018-2019 school
22	year, the Secretary of Education and the Mayor of the
23	District of Columbia shall revise the memorandum of un-
24	derstanding which is in effect under section 3012(d) of
25	the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act as of

1	the day before the date of the enactment of this Act to
2	address the following:
3	(1) The amendments made by this Act.
4	(2) The need to ensure that participating
5	schools under the Scholarships for Opportunity and
6	Results Act meet fire code standards and maintain
7	certificates of occupancy.
8	(3) The need to ensure that District of Colum-
9	bia public schools and District of Columbia public
10	charter schools meet the requirements under such
11	Act to comply with all reasonable requests for infor-
12	mation necessary to carry out the evaluations re-
13	quired under section 3009(a) of such Act.
14	SEC. 11. DEFINITIONS.
15	Section 3013 (sec. 38–1853.13, D.C. Official Code)
16	is amended—
17	(1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
18	(10) as paragraphs (2) through (11), respectively;
19	(2) by inserting before paragraph (2), as redes-
20	ignated by paragraph (1), the following:
21	"(1) Core subject matter.—The term 'core
22	subject matter' means—
23	"(A) mathematics;
24	"(B) science; and

1	"(C) English, reading, or language arts.";
2	and
3	(3) in paragraph (4)(B), as redesignated by
4	paragraph (1), by inserting "household with a" be-
5	fore "student".
6	SEC. 12. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
7	TIONS.
8	(a) In General.—Section 3014(a) (sec. 38–
9	1853.14, D.C. Official Code) is amended by striking "and
10	for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years" and inserting
11	"and for each fiscal year through fiscal year 2022".
12	(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
13	subsection (a) shall take effect on September 30, 2016.
14	SEC. 13. EFFECTIVE DATE.
15	Except as otherwise provided, the amendments made
16	by this Act shall apply with respect to school year 2018-
17	2019 and each succeeding school year.